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SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF CLIFFORD CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCE

1. YESTERDAY'S APPEARANCE OF CLARK CLIFFORD BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HIRC) WAS THE OBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE MEDIA INTQYKJ OVPGMRQH TPGCDGMARCH 11). MOST OF THE REPORTING WAS BASED ON WIRE SERVICE STORIES DATELINED WASHINGTON AND CARRIED SEGMENTS OF CLIFFORDS PUBLIC STATEMENT. PRESENTATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT-OPERATED RADIO AND TV WERE ESSENTIALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD, WITH SOMETHING OF AN ACCENT ON MR CLIFFORDS HOPE FOR PROGRESS ON CYPRUS IN THE COMING MONTHS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE CURRENT YEAR.

2. PRESS PLAY GENERALLY FOLLOWED THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL NEWSPAPER. PRO-GOVERNMENT ACROPOLIS UNDERLINED THE "COMPLEXITY" OF THE ISSUES AS DESCRIBED BY CLIFFORD, AND INDEPENDENT
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PEOMOG SUPPORTER)
KATHIMERINI EMPHASIZED THE HOPE FOR "PROGRESS" ON CYPRUS. LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TO VIMA BURIED THE CLIFFORD STORY INSIDE ITS REPORTING ON THE GOG'S BRIEFING OF THE OPPOSITION LEADERS ON THE AEGEAN AND CYPRUS ISSUES (SEPTEL). COMMUNIST (KKE-INTERIOR) AVGHI RODE THE FENCE, POINTING TO CLIFFORD'S OPTIMISM ON

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CYPRUS WHILE NOTING HIS MENTION OF THE "COMPLEXITY"
OF THE ISSUES IN THE AEGEAN. AS COULD BE EXPECTED,
MOSCOW-ORIENTED COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS
HEADLINED THAT THE FIRST RESULT OF THE US
"INITIATIVE" WAS TOSTRENGTHEN AMERICAN BASES IN
GREECE AND WARNED AGAINST A NEW PHASE OF A "NATO"
SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN. THAT PAPER
HIGHLIGHTED CLIFFORD'S REFERENCES TO NATO,
AND ALSO REPORTED THAT AIRCRAFT FROM THE 8TH AMERICAN
AIR FLEET (SIC) FROM NATO BASES IN SOUTHERN ITALY
HAD BEEN STATIONED RECENTLY AT HELLENIKON AIRPORT
(ATHENS) AND SOME 150 US SOLDIERS LATELY HAD
DEPLOYED TO CRETE.

3. CONSERVATIVE PRO-GOVT APOYEVMATINI'S
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, ARIS ANGELOPOULOS, TELEPHONED A
REPORT PRINTED IN ITS ISSUE TODAY, THAT CLIFFORD TOLD THE HIRC
THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IN
APRIL AFTER THE VIENNA INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.
ANGELOPOULOS ALSO CLAIMED THAT A MEMBER OF THE HIRC
TOLD HIM THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CONSIDERATION BY THE
CONGRESS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY
UNTIL JULY OR AUGUST, AND THEN THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE
ONLY ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERIOD
OCTOBER 1977 - SEPTEMBER 1978.
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